(a) the total number of units set up by Indian Telephone Industry to manufacture Electronic Telephone Exchange equipments;

(b) the cost incurred thereon and the target fixed for production and the total production thereof;

(c) the measures being adopted to bring the production of these units at the level of their target; and

(d) the details of loss suffered and profit made in respect of each unit?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Four, Sir. These are at Bangalore (including Electronic City), Palghat, Mankapur and Rae Bareli.

(b) The investment proposed for manufacture of Electronic Exchange Equipments for the Four locations, actual expenditure up to 31.3.1991, targets and production achieved for the year 1990-91 are indicated in the following table:

Name of the Unit	*Project investment cost (Rs in Crores)*	*Actual expenditure incurred till 31.3.91 (Rs in crores)*	*Production 1990-91 (Kilo lines)*	
			Target	*Achieved*
Bangalore (including Electronic city unit)	46.38	18.79	275	218.5
Mankapur	219.36	193.11	500	48.3
Rae Bareli	19.35	4.49	16	6.1
Palghat	67.57	55.62	107.6 +45 kilo circuits of Digital TAX	32.7 +45.7 kilo circuits of Digital TAX

(c) Measures being adopted to improve production include:

— Introduce new incentive schemes based on quality, delivery and cost.

— Improve productivity at all levels.

— By upgradation of technology.

— By adopting standardisation in process and components.

— By better materials planning.

(d) The details of loss suffered and profit made in respect of each unit during the year 1990-91 are as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the Unit	Profit for 1990-91 (provisional)	Loss
Bangalore (Including Electronic city unit)	7.75	—
Palghat	0.06	—
Mankapur	46.20	—
Rae Bareli	0.05	—

[English]

Increase in Price of EC grade Aluminium

3977. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI :
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU :
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representation in connection with hike in price of EC grade aluminium;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A representation has been received from the Cable and Conductors Manufacturers Association of India, which states *inter-alia* that indigenous prices of all non-ferrous metals must be pegged at the old price for at least nine months and that import of Aluminium should be liberalised with reduction in the customs duty.

(c) There is no Government control over prices of Aluminium including EC grade Aluminium. With the announcement of the New Trade Policy, aluminium can now be imported through Exim Scrips. The customs duty on import of Aluminium has been fixed after taking into account various factors including indigenous availability.